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STATINTL

Dear Mr. Houston:

I was able to find out very little of importance that might help us in the case of [redacted]. The State Police were as cooperative as possible under the circumstances, but would not give me the names of any witnesses other than the drivers and passengers in the two vehicles involved.

The State Police (and newspaper accounts which I reviewed) state that the accident occurred on the crest of a hill on a straight stretch of road. The soldiers were proceeding toward Frederick and [redacted] and family were proceeding in the opposite direction in a 1949 Chev. Panel truck belonging to the Singer Sewing Machine Co. of Frederick. [redacted] is reported to have passed another vehicle on the crest of the hill and a head-on collision occurred resulting in the injury of everyone in the truck and passenger car and the death of [redacted] a twenty month old infant, a passenger in her mother's arms in the right front seat of the truck. The infant had a fractured skull.

The C.O. of the local Police Bks stated that [redacted] used to be a N.Y. State Trooper and "should have known better".

Soldier [redacted], owner of the car and a passenger therein, might be able to get us helpful information from his insurance carrier if they made an investigation and got statements from witnesses. It would be helpful to know whether or not lights from the [redacted] truck were visible to occupants of the [redacted] car and to the driver and/or occupants of the car which [redacted] is supposed to have passed. Although this is a dangerous stretch of road, it is familiar to me and I believe that proper lights from the truck should have given some indication to [redacted] that a vehicle was approaching.

[redacted] will definitely be charged with manslaughter and should be defended. I do a great deal of negligence work but do not specialize in criminal law so although I would be glad to help in the defense, I would suggest that the defendant retain a brother attorney who specializes in criminal work. If he is interested in this, I would suggest that he let me know when he and other occupants of his car could come to Frederick for conferences. In the meantime, any additional information as to witnesses, statements, etc, would be helpful in preparing for a defense.

If I can be of further service to you, just let me know.

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Very truly yours,

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